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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS COVERAGE OF POPPY ISSUE

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF NARCOTICS-RELATED STORIES  
RECENTLY PUBLISHED IN THE TURKISH PRESS.

A. THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TERCUMAN REPORTED MAY 4 THAT  
THE NEW DEMIREL GOVERNMENT IS REVIEWING THE POPPY QUESTION  
AND, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE WORLD MEDICAL NEEDS, WOULD  
GIVE PERMISSION FOR CULTIVATION IN MALATYA PROVINCE, IN  
ADDITION TO THOSE AREAS WHERE CULTIVATION IS ALREADY AUTHORIZED.  
ALSO, ACCORDING TO TURKISH NEWS AGENCY REPORTS, REPUBLICAN  
PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) DEPUTY FOR MALATYA HUSEYIN DENIZ HAS  
INTRODUCED A MOTION IN THE PARLIAMENT NOTING REPORTS THAT DEPUTY  
PRIMIN NECMETTIN ERBAKAN, DURING A RECENT SPEECH IN THE EASTERN  
PROVINCE OF VAN, HAD SAID POPPY CULTIVATION WOULD BE PERMITTED  
IN MALATYA. DENIZ'S MOTION ASKED THE GOVERNMENT TO STATE  
WHEN AND IN WHICH PROVINCES CULTIVATION WOULD BE PERMITTED.

B. ON MAY 5 TWO DAILIES (CUMHURIYET, BARIS), BASED ON  
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AN ANATOLIAN AGENCY REPORT FROM WASHINGTON, QUOTED NEW YORK

CONGRESSMAN BENJAMIN GILMAN AS PROPOSING THAT THE U.S.  
PURCHASE AND DESTROY THE ENTIRE WORLD OPIUM POPPY PRODUCTION.

C. TERCUMAN CARRIED STORY MAY 8 THAT TURKISH POLICE IN  
IZMIR SEIZED 20 KILOGRAMS OF MORPHINE BASE VALUED AT  
TL SIX MILLION. ALSO, THE MASS-CIRCULATION DAILY GUNAYDIN  
ON THE SAME DAY REPRINTED AN ARTICLE FROM THE MAY 6  
INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE BY JOE ALEX MORRIS JR., UNDER  
THE TITLE "TURKISH PEASANT WHO IS GROWING OPIUM POPPIES  
FINDS AMERICA'S ANXIETY UNWARRANTED."

2. COMMENT: A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICER CONFIRMED TO US  
THAT ERBAKAN HAD SPOKEN IN EASTERN TURKEY OVER THE MAY 3-4  
WEEKEND, BUT NO RPT NO OFFICIAL TEXT OF HIS REMARKS WAS  
AVAILABLE. IN RECENT DAYS, ERBAKAN HAS BEEN CRITICIZED IN  
THE TURKISH PRESS FOR REVEALING PERMATURELY POLICIES ON WHICH  
THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT RPT NOT YET TAKEN A FINAL DECISION,  
PERHAPS IN AN EFFORT TO COMMIT THE GOVERNMENT BEFOREHAND AND  
TO TAKE CREDIT FOR THE DECISIONS HIMSELF. HE DREW CRITICISM FOR  
SIMILAR ACTIONS WHEN HE WAS ECEVIT'S COALITION PARTNER LAST  
YEAR.

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